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The Birth of Jesus

In the fullness of time, as the prophets foretold, a virgin conceived and brought forth a son, and they called His name Immanuel, which means 'God with us'. This miraculous birth, heralded by a star in the east, was the fulfillment of ancient prophecies and the beginning of a new covenant between God and man. The birth of Jesus, as recounted in Matthew 1:18, was a divine intervention, a moment when the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary, and the Most High set His plan of salvation into motion.

The scriptures, from Matthew to Revelation, weave a tapestry of this divine narrative. In Matthew 1:16, we read of Joseph's lineage, a descendant of David, chosen to be the earthly guardian of the Messiah. Acts 2:38 speaks of the promise given to all who believe, a promise of forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 12:2 directs our gaze to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 21:31 reveals the heart of Jesus' message, a call to repentance and the embrace of a kingdom not of this world. Mark 7:26 shows His compassion, as even a Syrophoenician woman's faith was rewarded. John

19:38 narrates the tender care given to Jesus' body after the crucifixion, a sign of devotion and respect. Revelation 1:9, 2 Corinthians 4:6, and Hebrews 13:20 speak of the revelation of Jesus Christ, the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ, and the great Shepherd of the sheep brought back from the dead through the blood of the eternal covenant.

Revelation 19:10 and 17:6 depict the victory and judgment that come through Jesus, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. John 12:3 captures a moment of worship, as Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume, an act of love and sacrifice. 1 Peter 3:21 reminds us of the baptism that now saves us, not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:5 and 12:17 declare Jesus as the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and the dragon's defeat by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. Luke 11:27 exalts the blessedness of those who hear the word of God and obey it. Matthew 2:1 recounts the visit of the Magi, who came to worship the King of the Jews. Matthew 1:1 traces the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Luke 2:21-22 describes the circumcision and presentation of Jesus at the temple, fulfilling the law and the prophecies. Luke 19:12 tells a parable of a nobleman who went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return, a foreshadowing of Jesus' ascension and promised return. These scriptures, from the gospels to the epistles, from prophecy to fulfillment, all point to the central figure of history: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. Amen.